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Inspection report on Attapady Valley

* 3093 *Q*.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report was received by the Government from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, after his visit to Attapady in February 1955;

(*b*) the main recommendations in the report; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The Assistant Collector, Malappuram, submitted a report of inspection of the Attapady Valley to the Collector of Malabar. The Government have obtained a copy of it.

(*b*) The report contains proposals for the general development of the Attapady Valley.

(*c*) Proposals for the development of the Attapady Valley are already under consideration of the Government in consultation with the Board of Revenue. These proposals include the recommendations of the Assistant Collector. As a preliminary step, the Government have already sanctioned the requisite staff for carrying out the survey of this area and for studying the conditions of the people.

(Starred question No. 3094—Postponed.)

Kisan troubles in Kulittalai taluk

* 3095 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received telegrams from the Secretary of the Landowners' Association, Lalapet, Kulittalai taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, on 16th or 17th July 1955, complaining that the Collector of Tiruchirappalli was inciting the kisans to trespass into private lands and cultivate them unauthorizedly;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Collector assured all possible help and police protection to the said trespassers;

(*c*) whether the Government have made any enquiry into the matter and, if so, the result thereof;

(*d*) whether the Government have issued any directions to the District Collectors to help the kisans at any cost;

(*e*) if so, whether the Government took any legal advice before doing so; and

(*f*) whether any suit notice has been received by the Government subsequently from the aggrieved landholders and, if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) A writ petition has been filed in the High Court regarding the subject and it is pending. The matter is *sub judice* and no information can therefore be furnished at this stage.

(*d*) No, Sir.

(*e*) Does not arise.

(*f*) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli has received suit notices addressed to him in his capacity as representative of the State of Madras and in his personal capacity. These notices are under examination.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : I would like to preface my supplementary question by saying that I do not put any question regarding the writ petition or the suit notices received by the Collector in his capacity as the representative of the State. Are the Government in possession of all the decisions given by the Judicial District Magistrate of Tiruchirappalli in kisan disputes, especially the judgment in the Allur kisan trouble in which he has observed that the District Collector has exceeded all his powers in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am not aware of it.

9-50 a.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know, Sir, whether a former Deputy Collector of the area was instigating the landholders to issue suit notices so that the Collector may get into the soup?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Nor am I aware of that.

Border dispute

* 3096 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that this Government have asked the Central Government during November 1955 to constitute a Boundary Commission to settle the dispute with the Andhra Government in regard to border areas?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The Government of India have been addressed on 1st December 1955 for constituting a Boundary Commission immediately to go into the Andhra-Madras border issues.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, did the Government of Madras receive any reply from the Central Government that they were prepared to constitute a Boundary Commission or did they give any alternative suggestion to us?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have not received any official reply from the Government of India. But a suggestion has been made about further talks between the Andhra Government and the Madras Government and that the issue is likely to be settled.